

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
headquarters 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)
APO San Francisco 96383

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General Order
Number 14786

Award of The Silver Star

1. RC 320. The following Award is announced.

SCRIBNER, CHARLES H CAPTAIN INFANTRY Company A 1st Battalion (Airmobile)
502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Effective month: NA

Date action: 8 July 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 8 July 1969. Captain Scribner distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer of Company A, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during a reconnaissance in force mission near Hau Juc, Quan Tien Province, Republic of Vietnam. The lead element was ambushed by an unknown size enemy force. The platoon was sustaining many casualties, including the platoon leader and platoon sergeant, from the initial fire of enemy mortars, rocket propelled grenades, and automatic weapons. Reacting quickly to the situation, Captain Scribner crawled through intense small arms fire to reach the beleaguered Third Platoon. From a small portion of high ground Captain Scribner directed aerial rocket artillery fire and initiated a flanking maneuver against the well-entrenched enemy force. The attacking force's fire was constant and furious, slowing down the movement of the flanking platoon. Although his own position was a choice target for the insurgents, he moved toward the enemy, and urged the flank element on a determined attack. Simultaneously, he directed the withdrawal of the wounded and the continuation of the counterattack. His actions resulted in a break and withdrawal by the enemy and fewer friendly casualties. Captain Scribner's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

HUGH H. THOMAS
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff



H. H. THOMAS
LTC, AGC
Adjutant General

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